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REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, and 5-15 are pending in this application. Reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

At the outset, Applicants thank Examiner Schultz for the courtesy of a telephone interview on February 9, 2004. In Applicants' response to the original restriction requirement, claim 1 was amended to recite SEQ ID NO:1 as the target sequence. In response to the Office Action mailed 7/16/03, Applicants amended the claims to recite regions of the target sequence, i.e., nucleobases 727-868 and 899-1310 of SEQ ID NO:1.

The Notice of Non-Responsive Amendment indicates that the limitation to these target regions within SEQ ID NO:1 was not responsive. However, following the telephone interview, it was agreed that these two regions could be searched. Accordingly, Applicants elect an antisense compound 8 to 30 nucleobases in length targeted to nucleobases 727 through 868 or nucleobases 899

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through 1310 of a nucleic acid molecule encoding TNFR1 (SEQ ID
NO:1), wherein said compound specifically inhibits the expression
of TNFR1.

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